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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

NSC UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE

January 16, 1971

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Administrator, Agency for International Development
The Director, United States Information Agency
The Assistant Director, Office of Management and Budget

SUBJECT: Review of the National Interdepartmental Seminar

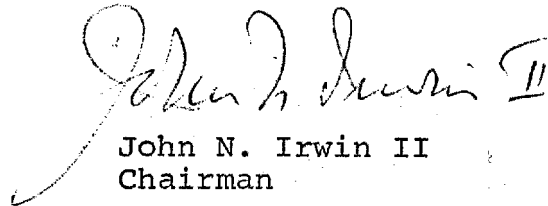
The Committee on Training of the National Interdepartmental Seminar has requested the NSC Under Secretaries Committee to review the Seminar's operations and to determine its effectiveness as a forum for interdepartmental training and education in the coordination of policy, plans, and operations in foreign affairs matters.

The National Interdepartmental Seminar on Problems of Development and Internal Defense was established on March 13, 1962 by NSAM 131 and subsequently made responsible to the NSC Under Secretaries Committee. It became known informally as the Counterinsurgency Course, although the curriculum has covered many other problems which affect U. S. policy and operations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. While the Seminar has undergone a number of changes since 1962, its purposes, organization, and curriculum have never been reviewed by the present authorizing body.

In order to insure that this interdepartmental effort functions in a manner which meets the needs of all of the participating agencies, I have asked Deputy Under Secretary Macomber to organize a Special Working Group to address itself to this question and to make appropriate recommendations to the Under Secretaries Committee. The Special Working Group should include senior representatives from the addressee organizations.

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I am asking that the results of this review be made available to the Under Secretaries Committee by March 1, 1971.



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Chairman